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Mr. Chris Brown
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Dear Mr. Brown:

Re: Our File No. 47790

I have taken careful consideration of your submission, which you forwarded through Mr. Bylsma, Ottawa District Office, for an investigation to be pursued into your concerns. It is my view that your recommendation to the Ministry of Health and the Ministry's Mental Health Facilities Branch, is one that centres on government policy. At this stage, you have not registered a complaint about either a decision, action, recommendation or omission by any noted governmental organization. In reviewing the materials you provided, it is evident that your concerns are under consideration by the appropriate policy makers and legislators; the Deputy Minister of Health, Minister of Education (former) and the Chief Commissioner of the Ontario Human Rights Commission have undertaken to follow-up on your concerns supportively.

The extent or time frame relative to the action these officials are taking or may take to address your concerns may not coincide with your sense of priority. However, as Ombudsman, to attempt to accelerate or advocate for government policy is action that is clearly outside of my mandated authority.

I realize that my response will not be one that you accept easily and I must say that you make compelling and eloquent arguments for this vulnerable constituency. However, my opinion must remain unchanged. You, of course, are always welcome to contact us should there be a person who is personally affected by the circumstances you outline who may wish to complain to our Office.

Yours truly,

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